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## Lincoln Sesquicentennial Stamps

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## **STAMPS** 3 Lincoln Stamps Slated For 1959

By Charless Hahn

The Lincoln sesquicentennial series of commemorative stamps will consist of three denominations to be released in 1959, in addition to the 4-cent value issued last Aug. 27 at Freeport, Ill., to mark the centennial of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

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All these stamps will be of large, commemorative size, and

each will be in a single color to be announced later.

## Short Notice St. Louis FD Is Blow To Cover Collectors; Final Three Lincolns Listed

Under dateline of September 3, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced that a new air letter sheet would be issued September 12 at St. Louis, Mo. The value is the current 10c rate.

He added that collectors would be permitted to order the usual first day cancellations on the newcomer, but the nine-day notice was insufficient to permit circulation of the announcement in the philatelic press.

The design of the stamp on the new item will feature a jet plane instead of the now obsolete four-motor transport of more than a decade ago. The color of the stamp is not disclosed; the paper will be light blue.

Mr. Summerfield also disclosed the dimensions, subject matter, and sites and dates of first day sales for the three remaining stamps in the Lincoln Sesquicentennial commemorative series.

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These three new Lincoln Sesquicentennial stamps will be 1.44 x 0.84 inches in size; printed in one color to be announced later. The quantity for each will be 120 million.

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ASSISTANT Postmaster E. George Siedle is to deliver the first-day speech Tuesday when the 4-cent Fort Duquesne bicentennial commemorative stamp is released at Pittsburgh, Pa. Collectors may still send their addressed envelopes, with money order or cash to cover the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

Poland has released two stamps, in the 60 groszy and 2.50 zloty values, to mark the 350th anniversary of the arrival in America of the first

Polish emigrants. There was also a special first-day cancellation with an American flag of the present, bordered by the inscription "350 Years—Polish—Emigrants to America, Warsaw 29.x.58," according to Ars Polona.

The Philippines Bureau of Posts will release a 5 centavo stamp Dec. 8, marking the inauguration of the newly constructed Manila Cathedral in Intramuros. The Cathedral itself has been subject to many destructions—in 1583, 1645, 1863 and 1945.

Ghana will release 1, 2, 3 and 6 pence, and 1 shilling, postage dues as of Dec. 1. It has also been reported, by Dhirubhai Mehta, that India expected to have released (Nov. 7) a new stamp marking the centenary of the birth of Bipin Chandra Pal, one of the leaders of the early freedom movement.

The Mongolian Postal Administration has returned to the philatelic scene with a series of 10 stamps depicting characteristic Mongolian male animals. Denominations will be 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 mung, and 1 tugrik.

From the Agencia Filatelica Dominicana (Dominican Philatelic Agency) has come word of three new issues. One, released last month, is a 7-centavos value, in navy blue, showing the S. S. Rhadames. This was followed by a red and blue commemorative of the symbolic "fire" design, marking the inauguration of the UNESCO Paris building, and 7 centavos, 9 centavos and 25 centavos airmails with a view of the Dominican Pavilion at the now-closed Brussels Exposition.

Austria has placed in use (Nov. 12) a 1.50 schilling stamp honoring Dr. Karl Renner and the 40th anniversary of the Austrian Republic. A total issue of 1,500,000 stamps, in sheets of 50, has been ordered.

THE 10TH American Stamp Dealers' Association exhibition is being held this weekend at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park ave. and 34th st., New York, this weekend. Highlights include the Post Office Department's million-dollar exhibit, its Brussels display featuring the Brussels Fair and International Geophysical Year stamps, and 16 panels devoted to its new "birth of a stamp" displays. Four additional panels will be included in the "Court of Honor" section.

Harry B. Keffer, of New Haven, Conn., will be reelected as president of the ASDA Dec. 5, when this group holds its annual meeting at the Advertising Club, 23 Park ave., N. Y. Other nominees include Gregory Mozier as vice president; John A. Fox as treasurer; and Peter G. Keller as secretary.

The National Philatelic Museum bourse has been postponed from Nov. 1 and 2 to Dec. 6 and 7, at Broad and Diamond sts., Philadelphia.

By Franklin Bruns, Jr.



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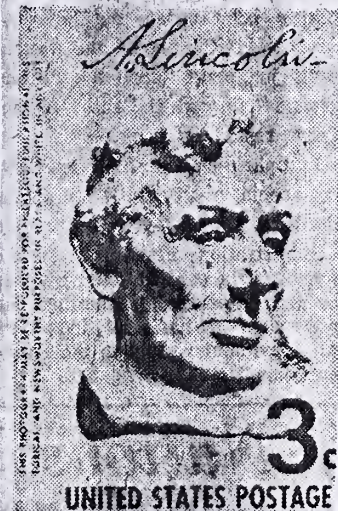


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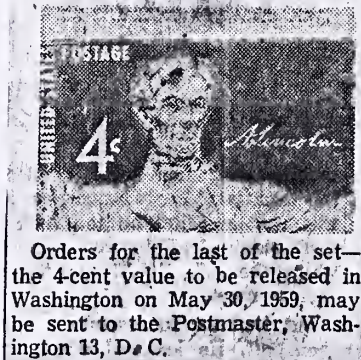
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## STAMPS Designs Set For 3 Lincoln Issues

By Charles Hahn

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The 1-cent value will feature the famous "Beardless Lincoln" by George Peter Alexander Healy, and will be a vertically arranged stamp of large commemorative size.

The 3-cent, of the same size and arrangement will feature a sculptured head of Lincoln by Gutzon Borglum, while the second 4-cent will show a line and pastel drawing by Fritz Busse of the Daniel Chester French head of Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial. The 4-cent will be horizontally arranged. All of these values will bear a facsimile of Lincoln's signature.

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Some changes in first day plans have been announced. The 1-cent stamp will go on sale

at Hodgenville, Ky., on Feb. 12, 1959. Covers which may have been sent to the postmaster at Frankfort, Ky., the originally announced first day city, will automatically be turned over to the Hodgenville postmaster. Remember that envelopes must bear at least 4 cents postage, and post cards 3 cents, to receive a first day cancellation.

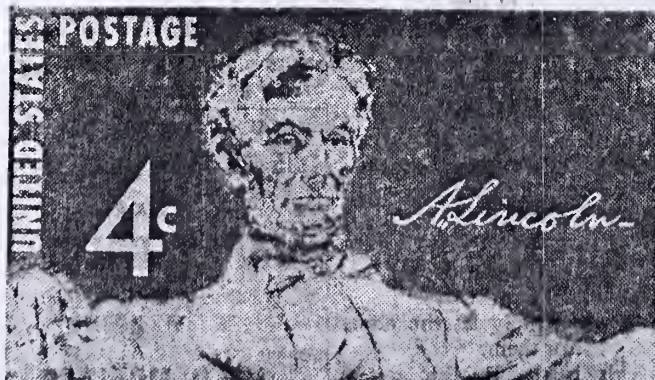
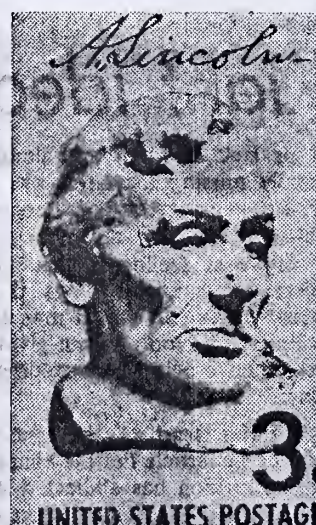
The 3-cent stamp will be released Feb. 27 in New York, and once again remember that covers other than post cards must bear at least 4 cents postage.

The 4-cent stamp will be is-

sued May 30 in Washington, D.C.

First day covers for all may be sent now.

First days: Dec. 12—15-cent John Jay, Washington 13, D.C.; Dec-Jan.—7-cent Alaska Statehood airmail, Juneau, Alaska (covers may be sent now.)



Three artists' views of Lincoln are on the final three stamps in the sesquicentennial series honoring the Great Emancipator.

## Movies' 'Lincoln' Views New Stamp at L. A. Postoffice

Lincoln's 150th birthday was celebrated by Postmaster Otto K. Olesen yesterday with a man who looks like Lincoln playing an important part.

Judge Charles E. Bull, who has played the President on stage and screen, called on Olesen to view the new three-cent stamp which will be placed on sale here this morning.

Bull, who started his career as a Nevada justice of the peace and was signed for the movies when a talent agent saw him delivering the Gettysburg Address, has made his home in Los Angeles since.

Olesen said Lincoln's influence is still prevalent in postal operations, pointing out uniform postal rates regardless of distance was started by him in 1863, free city-mail delivery began in 1863, railway mail service was inaugurated in 1864, and an international congress in Paris in 1863 led to formation of the Universal Postal Union.





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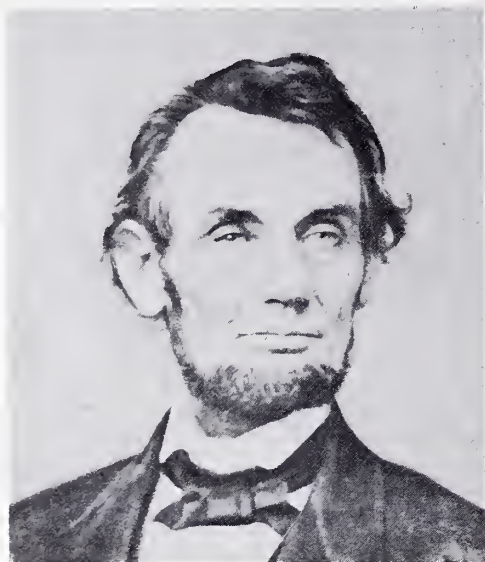
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# Lincoln Sesquicentennial

## 1809-1959



The solitary fact that 1959 is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln is not in itself important.

If a reason for Congress establishment of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission for 1959 is necessary, it is this: He was truly a great man. He influenced the course of history. His wisdom and innate faith in his fellow countrymen enabled him, as the 16th President of the United States, to lead the nation safely through the horrors of a civil war.

As a frontier boy and youth, as an Illinois politician and lawyer, and as a leader of our nation. Abraham Lincoln practiced the cardinal virtues of humility, steadfastness of faith in righteousness, and a forgiving spirit. Then too, his humor, his earthliness and his utter lack of pretension made him one with common humanity. Stephen Douglas, who debated with Lincoln in 1858, admitted that "Lincoln is the honestest man I ever knew."

Congress, realizing the impact Lincoln had on our country, over a hundred years ago, saw fit to resolve in part in the House Joint Resolution No. 351—

"Whereas it is incumbent upon us as a nation to provide for the proper observance of the birth of this great man who has continued to be a force in history."

It seems fitting at this time to bring the above resolution to the attention of our readers, for we are now living one hundred years after the period (1858-1865) during which Lincoln's service to humanity became nationwide instead of statewide.

Programs featuring Abraham Lincoln will be numerous and varied during the remainder of the year. Newspapers, magazines (Readers Digest, Feb., 1959), TV, and classroom and P. T. A. programs are planned, or have already appeared. Our readers will be enlightened during this year with a great deal of historic information about this great hero.

One phase of the program of Lincoln education which will reach each and every one of us at some time and often, will be the commemoration of him through the U. S. Post-

age Stamps used for the prepayment of delivery of our letters and packages. Shortly after the adoption and signing of House Joint Resolution No. 351 by Speaker Sam Rayburn, President of the Senate Richard Nixon, and President Dwight Eisenhower, in September 1957, our Postal and Treasury authorities began programs fitting for Lincoln's commemoration. In September, 1958, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced the subject matter, place, and dates for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stamps of a series of four stamps in honor of Lincoln. The first stamp in the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Series, featuring the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, was issued at Freeport, Illinois on August 27, 1958 on the 100th Anniversary of the second in the series of the famous seven debates held in Illinois during his campaign for the Senate.

The vast and rich history of this man could not be fittingly or appropriately set down in the little space available in Glen Plant News. It is the hope of the editors that all will become more familiar with the man so highly revered by this "nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."



Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Memorial at Gettysburg, Pa.

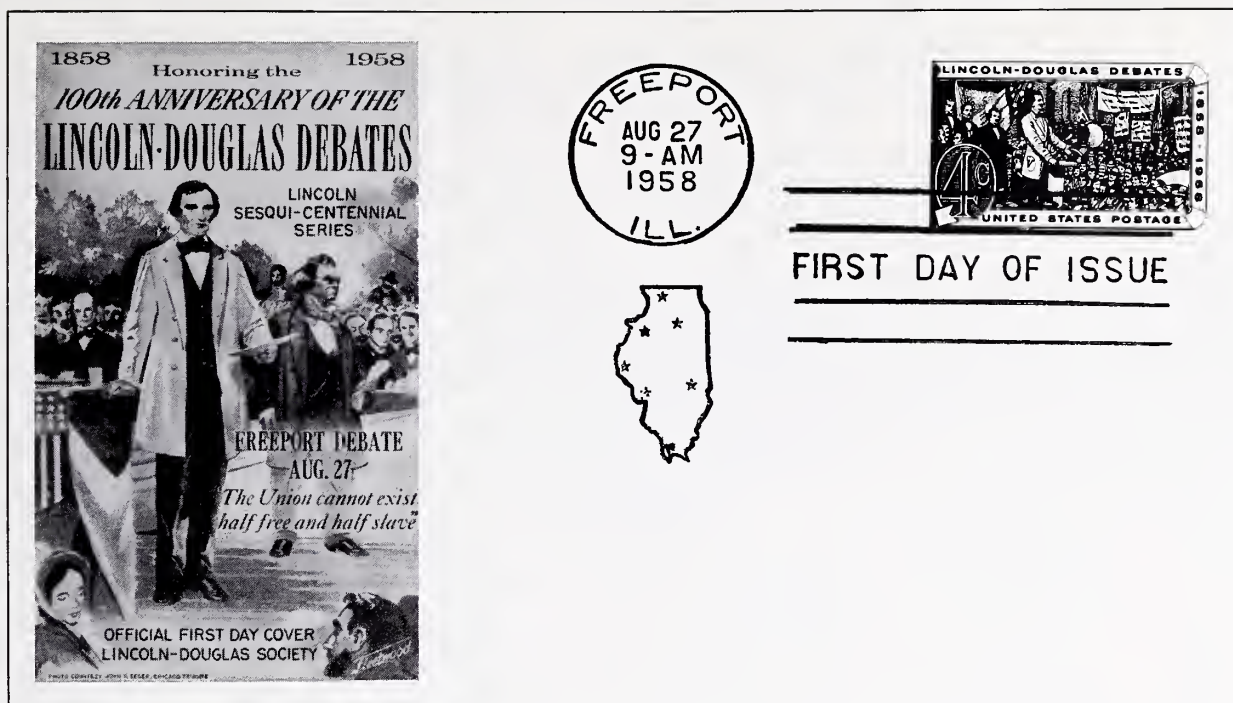


Mr. Lincoln 1959 — Professor William E. Baringer (right) Executive Director of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission presented to Raymond Massey, noted delineator of Lincoln roles, a bronze-like replica of the Volk bust of the beardless Lincoln sculptured from life in 1860.

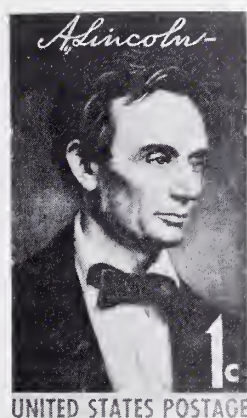
Usually beardless, Mr. Massey bears a startling resemblance to the statue as does Professor Baringer.

Mr. Massey is an honorary member of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission which was created by Congress to provide for international observance in 1959 of the 150th anniversary of the birth of our 16th President.





4c Lincoln-Douglas commemorative stamp shown here on a First Day Cover, as collected by stamp collectors. Over 400,000 such covers were canceled on August 27, 1958, during appropriate ceremonies held at the Freeport, Illinois Post Office.



Above:— 4c Lincoln to be issued May 30, 1959 at Washington, D. C. and featuring the statue located at the Lincoln Memorial.

1c Lincoln issued February 12, 1959—Hodgenville, Kentucky, the Post Office nearest the site of the log cabin where Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. Reproduced on the stamp is the famous "Beardless" portrait painted in Springfield, Illinois shortly after Lincoln's election to the Presidency on November 6, 1860.

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Below:—New penny — The Treasury Department is minting a new penny. Face of the coin will carry the familiar Lincoln portrait as used since 1909. Back of the old penny is shown also, the new back now minted which was officially released through the banks on February 12, 1959.







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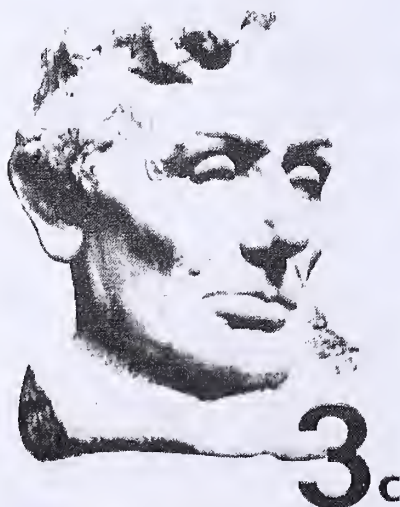
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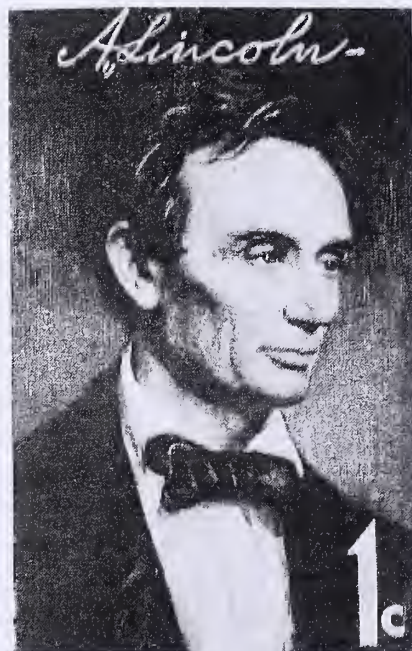
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These three new Lincoln Sesquicentennial commemoratives will each measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged either vertically or horizontally, as indicated. Each will include a facsimile of the signature "A. Lincoln," United States Postage and the value. Printing will be by the rotary press, electric-eye perforated, in sheets of fifty subjects. The colors will be announced later.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations for these stamps may send their envelopes at any time, with remittances to cover the costs of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope, and the flap either turned in or sealed. The outside envelopes to the respective Postmasters should be endorsed "First Day Covers — Lincoln Sesquicentennial Stamp."

It is important to remember that requests for the 1-cent value should be sent to the Postmaster, Hodgenville, Kentucky, before Feb. 12, 1959, and that four cents should be enclosed for each first day cover. In the case of the 3-cent Lincoln Sesquicentennial, to be issued Feb. 27, 1959 at New York 1, N. Y., collectors should also remember that this is a 3-cent stamp and orders should allow for two stamps per envelope.

Orders for the last of the set — the 4-cent value to be released in Washington on May 30, 1959, may be sent to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C.



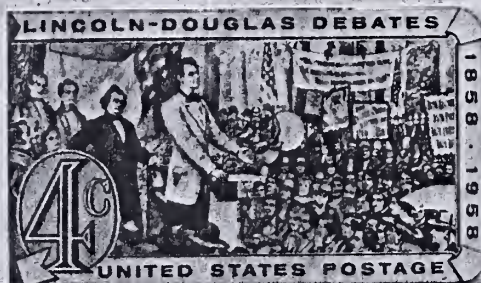
# New Stamps and Coin for Lincoln's Birthday

Abraham Lincoln was born 150 years ago on February 12.

The top stamp at the left shows a painting of Lincoln made in 1860 before he grew a beard. The stamp in the lower left pictures a head of Lincoln sculptured in marble in 1906. Any Lincoln penny you have in your pocket will have a head of Lincoln on the front. But unless you have a new penny—one minted since January 2, 1959—you will not have a penny with the new back.



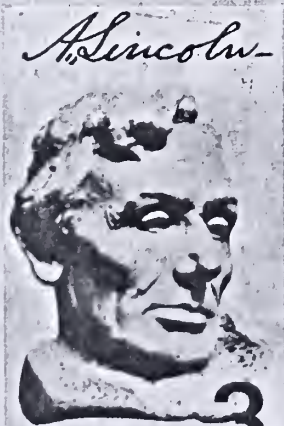
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This one-cent stamp will be issued on February 12.



This stamp was issued August 1958 in honor of Lincoln-Douglas Debates.



This stamp pictures upper part of statue in Lincoln Memorial. It comes out May 30.

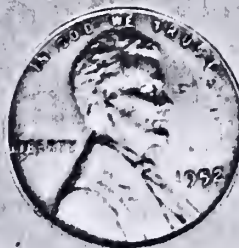


UNITED STATES POSTAGE  
This three-cent stamp will be issued Feb. 27.

United Press International Photo



Starting January 2, mints began making pennies that show a view of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. Heads of coins show a side view of Lincoln.



Wide World Photo

It was a cold wintry Sunday in February of 1809. The wind howled down the chimney and crept through chinks in the logs of a small cabin that stood in a clearing in the Kentucky woods.

In a corner of the cabin, tucked under a bearskin to keep him warm, lay a newborn baby boy, son of Thomas and Nancy Lincoln. "We'll name him Abraham, after your father," Nancy said.

As Lincoln grew up, he worked hard at farming. As he plowed or split rails, he thought of the books he read by firelight in the evenings.

Someone once asked him, "What's to become of you, Abe?" Half joking and half serious, he replied, "I'm going to be President—at least I'll study and get ready." Many people who knew him then thought he would become a great man.

In 1858 Lincoln was running against Stephen A. Douglas for the U. S. Senate.

Slavery was a great question dividing the country. Lincoln and Douglas did not agree about it. They argued the question at seven towns in Illinois. The arguments were called *debates*. People came from all over the state to hear them.

During these debates, Lincoln said again and again, "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free."

Douglas won the election. But the debates made Lincoln famous all over the country. In 1860 the people elected him President of the U. S.

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issue—(Say: ISH you.)

to give out or to send out. (A new stamp will be issued on February 12.)

endure—(Say: en DEWR.)

continue; last; remain firm

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